GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PROTECTION OF INDIANS IN GULF COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the recent terrorist attack on a hotel in Saudi Arabia wherein many people were killed and some of them taken hostage;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of persons of Indian origin killed in the said attack; and

(c) the initiative taken by the Government for the protection of Indians working in Gulf countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

a) & b): On 29 May, terrorists attacked the Office of Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation in Al Khobar which was followed by hostage taking in the Oasis Housing Complex located close to the Corporation. 8 Indians were killed in the incident.

c) The Government is closely monitoring security situation in the Gulf countries with particular attention being paid to developments that may have a bearing on security and well being of Indians working there. Our Missions in Gulf countries are in constant contact with concerned local authorities for the safety and security of the Indian community in their jurisdiction. The Missions are in regular contact with Indian communities in their respective countries for such assistance that may be possible to render in this regard.